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## Coors distributor partners buy land; may move to Louisville

By Jeannine Heitman

A parcel of land adjacent to the Mizel development in southeast Louisville may at some future date be the site of a Coors distributorship operated by the Wano Company, which currently distributes Coors Beer in Boulder County out of Lafayette.

The 80-acre parcel of land, formerly owned by Warren Ward and recently annexed to the city, has been purchased in two tracts: 70 acres by Argo Investment Company, which is a pension and profit sharing trust of the employees of the Wano Company; and 10 acres by the Derci Company, which is a partnership of the principals in the Wano Company. The property is zoned for industrial use.

According to Ray Imel, an owner of Wano and a partner in the Derci Company, the land acquisition is primarily an investment for the time being.

"There's no doubt about it that the property should be developed at some time. But right now it's an investment. We have no plans to develop immediately," Imel said.

If a Coors distributorship is located in Louisville, the 10 acres of property just purchased by the Derci Company will be the site. However, Argo Investment, as a profit sharing entity of the Wano employees, cannot invest in any facet of the parent company, so the 70 acres owned by Argo will remain, "a good investment for the profit sharing trust," but will not be used by Wano, Imel said.

When the 10 acres of land will be developed is as yet uncertain, Imel said. The current Lafayette site on West Baseline Road will probably meet the company's needs for the next five

years, he said, but at some point the company expects more space will be needed than is available at that location.

Since the land is not being considered for immediate development, no specific plans for its use have been made. However, according to Louisville subdivision regulations, if a parcel of land is divided for sale, it immediately becomes subject to the city's subdivision regulations which outline provisions for building streets, laying utility lines and so forth.

The Louisville Planning Commission granted a variance to the subdivision regulations to both companies on June 9 which will be forwarded to the city council for final approval on June 21. If the council approves the variance, Argo Investment and the Derci Company will not be required to comply with the subdivision regulations until February of 1978.

At that time, Derci will probably present some kind of preliminary plans for the property, Imel said, "but they won't be very extensive," since the plans for the property are indefinite.

The 80-acre tract received final approval for annexation and industrial zoning by the Louisville City Council on May 17. The property is located south of Colorado 42, along Empire Road, and is surrounded on three sides by Colorado Technological Center land slated for future development as an industrial park.

The Lafayette-based Wano Company distributes Coors Beer throughout Boulder County and in the northern Denver suburbs, and also operates a branch office in Westminster.



"THINGS GO BETTER WITH DAD" . . . "and if you don't believe it, just check the expressions on the faces of Holly and Bruce, pictured above, with their dad, Robert Frazier. The Frazier's were among the many Broomfield residents who really enjoyed last week's carnival, sponsored by the Broomfield Shopping Center Merchants' Association. Photo by Jan Heath

## Broomfield mulls requiring water for annexation

The Broomfield City Council Tuesday night tabled action on a proposed annexation policy which would require developers to provide enough water to serve the proposed development as a condition of annexation.

The annexation proposal presented to the council by City Manager George DiCiero in the form of a resolution was tabled for action until the next meeting on June 27. The resolution will be discussed at a council work session, however, scheduled for June 21.

The resolution presented by city staff Tuesday night, in addition to requiring developers to provide water for annexation, would also require the developer to pay for all on-site and off-site water lines and facilities necessary for the development.

The resolution, if approved, would become effective immediately and would apply to any annexation proposal which has not already been approved by the council.

The only annexation proposals currently before the city which would be affected by the proposal are two re-

quests referred to as the Northwest Quadrant annexation and the Carlson annexation with a total area of about 550 acres east of Sheridan Blvd. However, both proposals have been tied up in the preliminary stages of annexation for the past year and one-half over other problems.

In a related matter, the city has been notified by the Denver Water Board that Broomfield can only have 160 new water taps from May 1, 1977 to Sept. 30, 1977. The water board's decision would limit new construction in the portion of Broomfield served by Denver water.

In its report to council, the city staff questioned whether or not Denver can allocate a specific number of taps to Broomfield under terms of the Broomfield contract with the Denver Water Board.

DiCiero said that the water agreement requires the Denver Water Board to supply enough water to keep pace with growth in the portion of Broomfield served by Denver water.

DiCiero said that the city would dispute the Water Board's allocation and propose further resolutions to council later.

In another matter, the council voted to continue the scheduled public hearing on the Southwind Development rezoning request for the Country Club land until June 27.

In addition, council intends to discuss the Southwind matter at its June 21 study session at 7 p.m.

The public hearing on Southwind's request for E-2 zoning for the land was continued once before, after the city and Southwind apparently reached at least a preliminary agreement on the issues surrounding the development of the property.

In other action, council:

- Approved a resolution imposing watering restrictions on water users outside the city limits. The action puts the same watering restrictions which apply to Broomfield residents on users outside the city, and will affect approximately 300 users.

Violation of the restrictions could lead to the installation of a water flow restricting device on the service line of the user.

## Broomfield, Louisville meetings scheduled for budget comment

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## Travel keeps seniors busy

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## Lafayette considers water requirement

# Ordinance may stop proposed annexations

While the Lafayette City Council has passed on first reading an ordinance requiring all new developments and annexations to provide the city with a prescribed amount of water as a condition of approval, two groups have plans in the works for bringing around 340 more acres of land into the city.

The ordinance, if passed on second reading June 21, will require that for each acre of land annexed or developed within city limits, three acre feet of water be turned over to the city. Two in flow rights and one in storage rights. The average family dwelling uses around one-half acre foot of water per year.

Tom Steele, representing Pioneer National Title Insurance Co., is not pleased with the new ordinance. The 115 acres which that company hopes will be annexed does not have sufficient water on it to fulfill the city's requirements, and he doesn't know if the company will be able to obtain sufficient water rights elsewhere to donate.

At the June 7 council meeting, Steele offered the city \$50,000 in lieu of water rights if the city would approve his annexation. He had been unaware that the

ordinance was to be presented that evening, and said that the move had caught him unprepared. He added that the company has been working on the development since 1973, but council couldn't decide what it wanted, so he made the monetary offer.

Councilman Charles Bransford at that time commented that giving the city money instead of water rights should not be acceptable because having money does not always mean you can buy water if rights are not available.

Steele answered that the city needs water, but it also needs facilities with which to treat that water, and money donations could be used to build those facilities.

The Planning Commission last June recommended that the Pioneer National property not be annexed by the city. The main reason given for this recommendation is that the commission was not sure the city could provide adequate water utilities to the development, and members felt that building more multiple unit dwellings in the city was undesirable. Some members also were worried about developing so close

to a flood plain area, but Steele assured the commission that flood plain land would not be developed.

In spite of these objections and the commission's negative recommendation, the Lafayette City Council is still considering accepting the annexation request.

The subdivision, as proposed, would develop with a maximum of 3.5 units per acre. Fifteen to 20 acres of the site would be used for light industry. Steele feels that this subdivision would benefit the city because it will provide a good tax base.

Regarding the new ordinance, Steele said, "My hope would be that the city would reconsider." He added, "We don't mind paying our share, but it is unfair to take and judge water on a gross acreage basis."

By this he meant that the city's new law would require a set amount of water per acre of the annexation, regardless of what will be built on that land or how much water will be used. He said that in their plan, the industrial area will use less water than the residential, plus around 40 percent of the land will remain undeveloped and

use little if any water. Therefore, he feels that Pioneer National should donate only sufficient water to supply that area, but not have to pay for water rights to supply other areas of the city.

"We're willing to negotiate with them," Steele said. However, he added that if the city does pass the water requirement ordinance, they would probably have to abandon their plans for annexation and development of that parcel of land.

Lafayette South Ltd. is the other group trying to annex land to the city. Although that company at present has proposed the annexation of just under 78 acres, its entire development, if approved, will encompass nearly 224 acres.

The company plans a development called "Lafayette Ranches" which will include single family homes with a minimum lot size of 2½ acres. The homes will cost at least \$60,000 each, and each home will have its own well and septic system. Therefore the city will not be required to provide water and sewer service for the development, although fire and police protection will be needed.

The plans tentatively call for a small commercial area and some multiple unit housing in one corner of the development.

Roman Bockus, planning consultant for the development, feels that the new ordinance should not apply to Lafayette Ranches because that subdivision will be providing its own utilities for the homes. However, when asked what the developers would do he suggested that the proper person to contact would be R.J. Wittenbrink, attorney for the developers.

Although repeated efforts were made to contact Wittenbrink, he still remained unavailable for comment.

The Lafayette South Ltd. development in particular has been questioned as a suitable use of that land. The proposed annexation does not fit in with a county comprehensive plan adopted by the Boulder County Commissioners and the Lafayette Planning Commission. That plan calls for Lafayette not to annex any additional land, but rather to develop land already within the city. Lafayette Building Inspector Warren Williams has indicated that there is

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## Among airport, city and developers

# Curbing noise problem will require cooperation

By Jeannine Heitman

Jefferson County Airport (JEFFCO) officials have carried the brunt of citizen complaints, in recent weeks, of aircraft noise over Broomfield, and over the Lac Amora subdivision in particular. In response, airport Manager Dave Gordon has made efforts to curb flights over the entire city.

But Gordon sees little relief from the

problem as building in Lac Amora continues, directly in line with JEFFCO's north-south runway, and development in Westminster creeps westward with municipal land zoned for residential use right up to the southern border of the airport.

Following a recent meeting of airport personnel and pilots, a new map of the airport and vicinity is being dis-

tributed to pilots showing "noise sensitive" areas where flights are to be avoided. Warnings to stay away from those areas are also being publicized in the Airman's Information Manual. Control tower reports and the hourly weather tape, in addition, reminds pilots to skirt Broomfield if possible, during take-off and landing.

However, if airport officials and pilots are expected to do their part to alleviate aircraft noise over the city, Gordon feels that neighboring cities and developers should also exercise some responsibility for land use around the airport.

"We are getting to the point where they (the cities and developers) are going to have to take the airport seriously. There is more and more traffic in the airport all the time and if we're not careful we're going to have a situation like some others where the airport gets busier and busier and before you know it you have houses all around it," Gordon said.

Gordon met with the Broomfield City Council Tuesday night to discuss the noise problem, explaining the airport's concern and the effort made to correct the problem. He also sought council support of an aviation easement to be used in the case of any future development around the airport.

An aviation easement gives the airport permission for planes to fly over a development and is presented to homeowners when they purchase property in the development, making them aware of the airport's presence. Ideally, the aviation easement is

granted to the airport by the developer as a condition for city approval of a development.

However, in the case of Lac Amora, an aviation easement was not granted when the development was approved by the city in 1973. Gordon plans to seek an aviation easement from Medema Homes Inc. for the new building presently underway in Lac Amora.

In conjunction with the problem of

nearby residential development, the airport has begun work on a new master plan which will address land use issues for the airport and surrounding areas. The \$45,000 project is being funded by a 90 per cent grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the airport's \$4,500 share is being paid by the Airport Authority, the airport's governing body.

The master plan will make projections on growth and airport traffic for 15 to 20 years into the future and will address land use problems. Gordon hopes to use the master plan, scheduled for completion next spring, as a tool in working with area cities and counties to develop workable land use agreements.

In the meantime, airport employees

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A view of Broomfield from above. For part of the story on noise and the Jeffco Airport, a STAR COURIER reporter and photographer were flown over the several landing and take-off patterns which take planes directly over the City of Broomfield.



Ed Pardi, general manager of Aircraftco at the Jefferson County Airport, explains flight patterns which take planes

over portions of Broomfield to STAR COURIER'S Jeannine Heitman.

# Jeffco Airport

(Continued from Page 1) and pilots will continue in their efforts to avoid flights over Broomfield whenever possible. However, certain



David Gordon, Jeffco Airport manager.

physical limitations make it impossible for aircraft noise to be eliminated over all parts of the city.

For instance, the Lac Amora subdivision is located approximately one mile from the north end of runway 20-02, the airport's north-south runway. When the second filing, currently under construction at Lac Amora, is completed, houses will extend directly north of the runway path and planes will have to fly over the subdivision when using that runway.

The north-south runway is the shortest of three runways at JEFFCO. The other two east-west runways do not create as much noise for Broomfield since they are farther from the city. However, landings and take-offs from both of those runways require some flight over the city unless pilots modify their normal flight patterns.

Which of the three runways is used by pilots at any given time depends upon weather conditions and particularly on the direction of the wind.

The control tower has begun requesting that pilots modify their normal flight patterns during take-off and landing to minimize noise and in most cases the pilots have cooperated. The ultimate decision on the landing approach, however, is left up to the pilot, according to Ed Pardi, general manager of Aircraftco a Beechcraft

dealer at JEFFCO.

If a pilot is uneasy about changing the approach or for some reason wishes to follow the normal flight pattern for a landing, he or she may do so. Modifying the flight pattern can be a particular problem for beginner pilots and for "transients," Pardi said, who are unfamiliar with the airport.

Gordon estimates that at least 40 percent of JEFFCO's traffic is from pilots in training who may be hesitant to modify the flight pattern. However, pilots in training normally fly small, single engine planes which have lower horsepower and create less noise than the larger planes.

Pardi also pointed out that, contrary to popular opinion, aircraft noise is created by propellers beating against the air, not by exhaust systems. "Some people think we should put more mufflers on the planes to decrease the noise but it's the propellers that make the noise," he said.

As JEFFCO's traffic and Broomfield's population continue to grow, as both have at rapid rates in recent years, noise problems can be minimized, Gordon feels. But to do so will require cooperation and planning among developers, the city and airport officials and pilots.

20,000 flights a month

## Jeffco Airport one of state's busiest

By Jeannine Heitman

Aside from the occasional noisy airplane overhead, most of Broomfield carries on its daily affairs without a thought to the 1500 acres of land to the west called Jefferson County Airport (JEFFCO).

Nonetheless, over 20,000 flights are made to and from JEFFCO each month, sometimes with 1200 to 1400

flights on a single day on Saturdays or Sundays.

JEFFCO is the third busiest airport in Colorado, after Stapleton International and Arapahoe County Airports.

Out of 420 airports across the nation with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control towers, JEFFCO ranks 60th. Approximately 14,000 public and

private airports are in operation throughout the country.

JEFFCO is the only airport in the Denver metro area, other than Stapleton, with an instrument landing system which allows aircraft to land in poor weather conditions. However, because of the length and capacity of the runways at JEFFCO, which can withstand weights only up to 60,000 pounds, commercial flights cannot be handled there. JEFFCO can serve as a "reliever airport" for Stapleton's general aviation traffic, or non-commercial flights, but commercial flights are prohibited.

Established in May 1960, JEFFCO was at first owned and operated by the Jefferson County Commissioners. Following the passage of a state law in 1965 empowering cities and counties to form airport authorities, JEFFCO was placed under the supervision of its own Airport Authority, which governs the airport through a five-member board.

The airport's rules and regulations, established by the Airport Authority, are administered by the airport manager, a position held since August of 1974 by Dave Gordon. The members of the Airport Authority are all taxpaying residents of Jefferson County, several of them pilots.

The airport proper which occupies only 700 of the 1500 acres of airport-owned land (the rest is farmed in wheat), employs about 250 people in 10 buildings on the airport site. Hangars for private planes also occupy the site.

Of the 10 airport buildings, three are FBOs or "fixed base operators" where planes are tied down. They usually house a mechanic shop, a radio shop,

sometimes a flight school and sell gas. Another of the buildings is the FAA office building, where the General Aviation District Office (GADO) is located. GADO administers written and flight exams to pilots and conducts accident investigations for the airport.

Then there's the administration and terminal building, from which Gordon exercises his duties, and the JEFFCO fire house where the airport's fire and other equipment is kept.

The control tower is staffed normally with two and sometimes three of the eight tower controllers employed by JEFFCO.

The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) occupies a hangar of its own at the airport where several planes, a small jet and a glider equipped with special electronic instruments for atmospheric tests are kept.

Over 400 airplanes and small jets owned mostly by local individuals and businessmen are on site at JEFFCO. Almost one-half of the people who use the airport are amateurs learning to fly. The rest are business people and experienced flyers.

The airport has three runways, two east-west runways 7500 and 4000 feet long, and a north-south runway which is 3600 feet long.

JEFFCO, which is funded largely by federal money from the FAA, is expecting to receive a \$1 million grant which will fund: a new ramp area to tie down planes; the purchase of 74 acres of land for a buffer zone on its outer perimeter; the widening of one taxiing lane; and repairs on one of the runways.

Plans have also been made to lengthen the shorter of the two east-west runways.

## In Louisville

# Travel keeps seniors busy

By Jeannine Heitman

Having recently returned from a 10-day trip to the Grand Canyon, California and Las Vegas, the Louisville Senior Citizens' group is now busily planning an August excursion to Rapid City, South Dakota and the Black Hills.

The seniors group which is sponsored by the City of Louisville and the Boulder YMCA, "is an active group which likes to go places," according to program Director Betty Longley.

Travelling and eating are favorite past times of the seniors who meet the third Wednesday of each month for a potluck luncheon and business meeting at the American Legion Hall in Louisville. Boulder County Health Department nurses are on hand at the monthly meetings to check blood pressure for the seniors.

The senior citizens program has grown in popularity since Mrs. Longley began directing it three years ago when 30 to 40 people regularly participated in the group's activities. The core group of regulars now numbers about 65 and, "is growing all the time," according to Mrs. Longley.

The program activities have also expanded considerably since Mrs. Longley took it over three years ago. "I felt that in order to make the program better I'd just have to spend more time at it, so our activities have been expanded. It has been very successful with the seniors and I'm hooked on it too."

One local trip is arranged each month with longer, out-of-state trips planned during the summer months. Local trips might include a trip to the Country Dinner-Playhouse in Denver, a trip to the stock show, to the Coors plant, the Denver Zoo, ice capades or to a circus. The monthly trips are particularly popular with the seniors because they provide an opportunity, "to go to places that they wouldn't go to alone or wouldn't want to drive to," Mrs. Longley said.

Some other long outings made by the seniors have included a trip to Las Vegas with the Lafayette senior citizens group last summer, a trip to Durango for the

narrow gauge railroad ride, and to Estes Park and Cripple Creek. Plans are already in the making for a big trip next summer to Seattle, Washington and the Canadian Rockies.

Buses are chartered for the long trips and, "the City of Louisville generally underwrites the transportation costs," Mrs. Longley said. However, the seniors provide their own funds for lodging and meals.

Throughout the winter months the seniors keep busy making hand-crafted items for their annual fall bazaar, a money-maker which helps support some of their other activities. The seniors are currently in the process of compiling a cookbook to sell at the bazaar.

At some point, the program may want to work in conjunction with the senior citizen housing planned for construction in north Louisville if the Louisville Housing Authority can obtain grant money for the project. However, the present program is meeting the needs of most seniors now, according to Longley, and a more extensive program is not yet necessary.

"It would be nice to have a drop-in center or someplace where seniors could congregate. But right now there isn't much interest in that kind of thing. These people (the seniors) are very family-oriented and they're busy all the time. They're active and agile and they can get around fine so the need for some kind of center, right now, doesn't seem to be there."

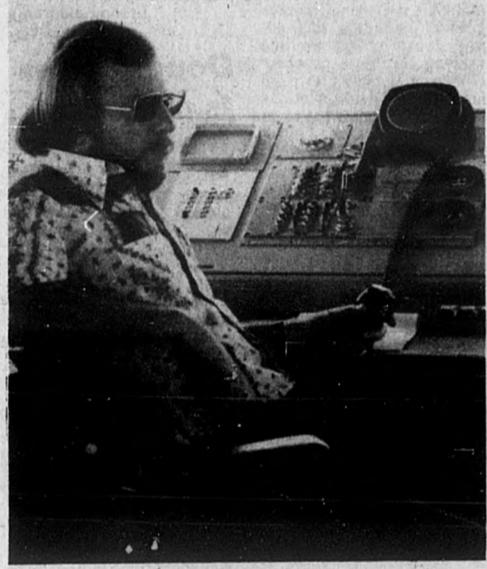
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Tom Shader is one of eight controllers who direct air traffic from the tower at the Jeffco airport.

## Citizens sought for Broomfield vacancies

The City of Broomfield is seeking citizens to fill vacancies on two city boards.

Gene Cherry resigned from the Zoning Board of Adjustment on May 24, and the city is seeking someone to fill the unexpired portion of his term, which will expire in January of 1979.

Applications for that board will be accepted until Monday, June 20. City Council will then make the appointment.

The Zoning Board is composed of five citizens who hear and decide appeals on variances to the city's zoning ordinance. It meets only when a hearing is scheduled.

The Council is still accepting applications to the newly-created Building and Construction Review Board. The board, which will consist of five members serving three year staggered terms, will hear and make decisions on appeals by contractors on the city's interpretation of building and construction regulations established in the Uniform Building Code.

Applicants, according to the ordinance establishing the board, should have "the experience and qualifications necessary to indicate familiarity and understanding of building and construction techniques."

The board will meet on an as-called basis. For information on applying for either vacancy, contact the City Clerk's office in Broomfield City Hall, No. 6 Garden Center.

## Water official will speak at chamber

James L. Ogilvie, secretary-manager of the Denver Water Board, will address the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting this Thursday, June 16, at noon.

The luncheon will be held at the Arbordale Acres Club House, 507 E. Spaulding. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservations in advance by calling Frank Mackay at 666-6740.



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By Jud van Gorder  
Mr. James Hekkers  
Esquire of the Fourth Estate  
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Dear Hekkers:

I have noticed for some time that when my brother or sister columnists are short on copy or long on deadline, they cover their transgressions by engaging in parenthetical correspondence with you on the pages of our beloved newspaper. Now you must admit that I have never been guilty of such sins of omission or commission. But heavy, heavy matters have hung over my head and been committed to this space in recent editions of o.b.n.: to wit, bi-lingual bi-cultural education, the constitutional convention, high school graduation, and my daughter's wedding. I feel a great need to shift back toward that which is more characteristically Broomcornish. So I thought I would write you about a matter directly and fully, not slipped coyly in the last few lines.

You need to explain for my edification and that of our legions of loyal readers the meaning of a recent encounter between your forbidding, editorial self and this y'r f'thf'l ob'd'nt s'rv'nt.

When I came, head in hand, to your office door, pleading poverty and begging for a handout of copy paper so I could continue scribbling for this cause, you received me icily. Your allegation was that you were out of copy paper and that I would have to make do for several months with this. What you handed me was a brightly colored cover marked Mickey Mouse Drawing Pad, which claimed a hundred-and-twenty sheets inside but which had already been used and was not all there. In a smaller print sidebar it said: "FREE INSIDE! How to draw Mickey Mouse."

Please - what are you trying to tell me? That this copy paper will suit my juvenile tastes? I'll have you know I graduated from Berkeley before the days of the Free Speech Movement and before Walt Disney put the M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E C-L-U-B on the tube. Are you hinting that the finely-crafted prose with which I fill your column-inches each week is nothing but so much mickey-mouse? Or are you hoping that I will get in training to join your Art Dept. by practicing on this rodentine figure? How do you expect me to learn with less than 120 sheets? And when they are all used up, dare I seek more?

Is this any way to treat the oldest writer on this newspaper and its antecedents? You expectorate on the childhood memory of my Mickey Mouse pocket watch (copyright W.D.P.) which if I still had it I would be a richer person than I am now. If you want freely to lance this free-lancer, why come right out and say so. Don't

## In Lafayette

### Calls to City Hall will be welcomed

By Carl Williams

City halls get letters signed "Concerned Citizens" and telephone calls by citizens who refuse to identify themselves. Usually these are crank calls and letters, but occasionally some information comes out that is beneficial to the community... like the concerned citizen who worried about a dangerous ditch with weeds hiding it. The citizen should have been commended and would have if he had given his name. If a citizen who calls in does not want to be identified by anyone other than the City Hall representative, all he has to do is say so and his wishes will be honored.

The Lafayette Summer Recreation Program is in full swing. LaMont Does Park is bursting with youngsters and adults taking all sorts of recreation courses. You might as well join in the fun.

Weeds - Removal Required  
It is the duty of each and every person owning any lots or parcels of land within the City to cut to the ground all weeds and brush at least once each year and to remove same from alleys and sidewalks adjoining their property.

Weeds and brush must be removed to the dump between the 15th day of June and the 15th day of July of each and every year.

beat around the copy paper - just leave a pink slip in my mail slot, as soon as you allot me one to call my own.

But you will be glad to realize if you have not already learned, that I am a generous and forgiving soul. When outrageous fortune deals me its slings and arrows, I just make a litter out of them and take a nap. And since I deem it such a private privilege and public service to write for you, I want to prove to you that I have been studying the inside cover of my drawing pad very carefully, assaying and discarding various sketches. Drawing Mickey Mouse is supposed to be as easy as 1-2-3:

- 1) Ruff (sic) in a circle lightly and fast - add the pear-shape body.
- 2) Indicate the arms, legs and head construction (3 heads high).
- 3) Then finish with features and the details."

I proudly present to you sketch No. 89, one of my best:



(Oh, Hekkers, you fell for it - Mr. Hekkers, Editor, Sir - I bet you really thought this drawing represented the caliber of my work. Actually it was made in a moving car by my 8-year-old son on his first try. He doesn't even know I own a Mickey Mouse Drawing Pad and he certainly hasn't taken instruction from the inside front cover.)

Now maybe next time I ask you nicely for copy paper on which to grow my Broomcorn you'll play it straight and not give me any mickey-mouse!

Until next week, then; if there is to be a next week for me in your paper....

(Mr. van Broomcorn: Although I hesitate to engage in written banter with still another Star Courier columnist and expose myself on two fronts, I feel your uncalled for attack on my motives and character demands a response. I will not plead poverty, nor will I be a party to your paranoia. Instead, I have chosen the charitable route - a course aimed not at hostility, but at appeasement. If you will come into our plush, modern offices, I will personally give you your very own ream of professional quality copy paper wrapped only in a plain brown paper bag and uncluttered by Mickey Mouse, Captain America or Spider Man covers. The quantity should end your job security fears, while the quality should put to rest any doubts you may have about the editor's high regard for your column. In fact, I have it from the highest authorities in this organization that you may continue to write your "Holzum on Sports" column for as long as this newspaper exists. Regards, the Editor.)

## Look for Lafayette Queen blanks soon

Girls wishing to enter the 1977 Miss Lafayette Queen contest will find entry ballots published in next week's Star Courier along with rules for entering the competition.

The contest is being planned in conjunction with the 1977 Lafayette Days, to be held August 12 through 14.

The Lafayette Days Committee, which is planning arrangements for that weekend's festivities, will meet this Monday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arbordale Acres Club House, 507 E. Spaulding. All community groups are encouraged to send a representative to the meeting, and any individual interested in helping plan the festivities is also welcome.

# letters

## Louisville official blasts Times survey

Dear Editor:  
Since when does any editor of a newspaper decide what week he is to be neutral and what week he wants to be biased to the fullest?

I am disgusted and furious over the survey recently published in the Louisville Times. I think "survey" is hardly an accurate description of the negative attitude put forth on this survey! Terms such as "The Whole Bunch should be Fired" is not a way of gathering constructive information for ANYONE to use.

Regarding a statement on future growth it hardly seems fair not to have included a question such as "If we have no more growth do you agree to a drastic increase in the mill levy to ALL residents of Louisville to support the continual purchase of water rights, inflationary factors (they do affect cities just like they do our households). Federal requirements, etc. etc."

"The People Speak" was at the top of the page of the Survey Results and I say THEY HAVE NOT. In the first place a lot of us didn't even take the thing seriously! It is so ridiculously slanted to provide his kind of reaction that I didn't bother wasting my time!

If there is a real concern about the local governmental policies and goals I believe the citizens would be out in numbers to let their councilmen, mayor, and city staff know about it and right-ly so!

If the majority of citizens feel that the council "takes orders" from the city administrator then we are wasting our time as councilmen. I don't sit through hours and hours of meetings a week to be told what to do - For heavens sake! I make DECISIONS based on information provided to me by the City Staff! Isn't that what we are paying them for?

There is journalism and then there is journalism and my personal opinion is that this was a mighty poor quality and non-productive use of paper. Quoting percentages on an unknown number is grossly misleading. This appears, to me, to be a response geared to put across an editor's point of view and I resent it as a citizen of Louisville.

I have been advised by a few well meaning friends that to write this letter is

"political suicide" on my part because time and time again I have been told "don't get Percy upset, he'll blast you in the paper." Well, go ahead Percy it's your turn now. I'm weary of hearing that and I refuse to compromise my feelings to keep "peace" with a local newspaper. If I have to compromise and be told what to do and what to say I don't belong in government at all.

I would encourage all citizens of Louisville to write or call their councilmen, or City Staff, or Mayor and voice their areas of approval and/or concerns at once.

Also, I would ask the editor of the Louisville Times and the Star Courier to consider printing a VALID survey with constructive statements that would reflect information that could indeed be USEFUL FOR ALL CONCERNED!

Barbara McDonald  
Councilman and citizen  
of Louisville

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## Doug Andrus is carrier of the month

Doug Andrus, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marr Andrus of Louisville, is the Star Courier carrier of the month for May.

Doug is in eighth grade and Louisville Middle School. His hobbies include collecting bottles and coins, and his interests include biking, skateboarding, swimming, tennis and basketball.



Doug Andrus

## Obituary

### Roy Rickus

Tri city area resident Roy H. Rickus died June 10 after suffering his third heart attack.

Rickus was born July 31, 1909 in Colorado Springs. He spent most of his youth near Farmington, Missouri and in Wyoming. In 1929 his family moved to Denver, where he attended the University of Denver and was active in sports. He subsequently was a physical education teacher in the Denver Public Schools and was employed with the Veterans Administration, from which he retired in 1974.

On Dec. 25, 1940 Rickus married the former Caroline Mattern. They had three children, Roy George, Patty Lee, and Peggy Pearl. Following retirement the Rickus' moved to Louisville.

In addition to his wife, who lives in Broomfield, and children, who live in Carbondale and Wheat Ridge, Rickus is survived by his sisters Margaret Kennell of Colorado Springs and Laura Robinson of Denver; a step sister Lois Stotts of Hatch, New Mexico; grandson Roland L. Rickus of Elk, Calif.; two nieces and one nephew.

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